AD the entire backlog of open employment and a sizeable part of a severe unemployment is expected to be wiped out.

51. (Transferred to 5th August, 1993)

Complaint against ITDC Regarding Provident Fund

52. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India ITDC Employees Union has made several complaints to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner against the serious violation by the Management of India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi with regard to repeated defaults in settling PF and pension dues of several employees, denying the benefits of PF Scheme to certain employees etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not taking promot action against the management of IDC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) One complaint from All India ITDC Employees Union regarding denial of PF benefits to 7 employees has been received by the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi. Necessary action to determine the PF dues payable has since been initiated.

State Labour Minister's Conference

53. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI KIRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 42nd State Labour Minister's Conference was held in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, whether the subject of eradicating and regulating child labour was discussed at this Conference;

(c) if so, what are the main proposals that have been discussed and enforced at this meeting;

(d) whether there was a proposal to start some new projects for checking child labour and amend Minimum Wages Act to ensure payment of wages to child labour at par with adult workers; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government to such proposals and what concrete steps have been taken in this regard and on other issues discussed at the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The main proposals endorsed by the Conference (July 7-8, 1993) pertain to better implementation of the National Labour Policy, stricter enforcement of the legislative provisions regarding prohibition and regulation of child labour, greater emphasis on programme on universal primary education and poverty alleviation doing away with existing wage diferential for adult and child labour under Minimum Wages Act and involvement of trade unions, employers and NGOs in programmes.

Applications received from Labour Organisations to run sick industries

54. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by Government from Labour Organisations of the sick/closed industries, state-wise, for running the industries on labour co-operative basis;

(b) whether Government have determined the number of revivable seek/

(c) whether Government propose to provide adequate financial assistance to the labour organisations for reviving the industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) No proposal has been received in the Ministry of Labour from Trade Unions of sick/closed industries for running sick units on workers' cooperative basis. As per the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, it is mandatory for the management of the company to refer a sick company to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction which sanctions schemes for reconstruction, revival or rehabilitation or takes such preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures as may be appropriate after making necessary examination through an operating agency. Revival of sick indutrial companies through workers' cooperative is one of the measures envisaged in the Act.

Terrorising workers by Trade Unions

55. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharatiya Kamgar Sena has been terrorising the industrial workers belonging to minority community in Bombay area;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government have taken to discourage such activities on the part of the trade unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid in the Table of the House.

ILO Programme on eradication of child labour

56. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Labour Organisation has sponsored a programme aiming at eradicating the child labour practices;

(b) if so, the details of the programin India; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have accepted the IPEC Programme for implementation and have set up a Tripartite National Steering Committee for selection of projects under the Programme. 39 Projects covering about 12000 working children are under implementation throughout the country. These are focussed on children in industries, in agricultural sector and on those working in the informal and service sector. In addition to awareness generation meant for the parents of working children and the community at large, the projects envisage welfare activities such as non-formal education, nutritional assistance, health check-ups and vocational training.

Proposal to introduce bill for Construction workers

57. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Bill during the current session of Parliament; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.